

Application #10/035,905  
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### **Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Line 1 of Page 6 with:

In one embodiment of the present invention, changes in the observable state of the system may be utilized to consolidate transactions and commit the applicable data of the consolidated transactions together because the client will not rely upon such data until a change in the observable state occurs. That is, the client generally has no expectation with regard to the progress of the system performing the transactions until the client observes some state change on the part of the system. At this point, the change in observable state typically implies that certain transactions have been performed, and the client may now have an expectation that the data for the transactions ~~completed~~ has been committed prior to occurrence of the change in observable state ~~have been committed~~. Generally, in the instance where the transactions do not complete successfully and a change in observable state has not yet occurred, the client may have no expectation with regard to how much of the series of transactions was performed before the failure. In fact, the client may not reasonably have an expectation that even a single transaction in the series succeeded.